

REMARKS

Claims 1-142 are pending in the present application and have been restricted.

Applicants provisionally elect "Group I", claims 1-97 and 113-114, alleged to be drawn to a method of encrypting a set of data. However, this election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to the remaining claims, including the right to file divisional applications thereon.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 98-112 and 115-142 are also requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to this office action.

If there are any charges with respect to this amendment, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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